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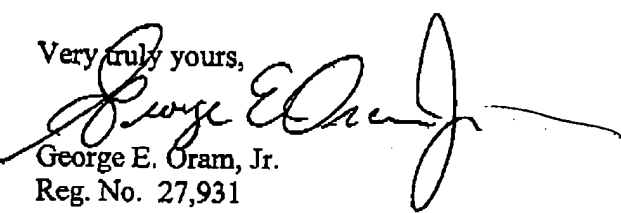
Re: U.S. Patent Appln. S.N. 09/730,515
Title: OPTICAL DISC, AND READING SYSTEM AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE DISC
By: KURODA et al
Our Ref: 107156-00033

Dear Examiner To:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Martina Galentine of our office, enclosed is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 23, 2003, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt.

If you should have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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Sir:

Prior to the further examination in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination filed December 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 as follows. A copy of the marked-up claim is attached to this paper showing the changes, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

2. (Amended) The reading system according to claim 1, wherein the second photodetector is further divided by a third dividing line optically parallel with a radial direction of the optical disc;

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